

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE  
DIVISION 1-2 SUBCOMMITTEE**

**May 25, 2005**

**Subcommittee Members Present were:** Joey Goforth, Chair, Alex James, Stan Gailey, John Kent, David Lindsay (proxy for Bill Wiseman), Bret Harrelson (via telephone).

**Others present were:** Shelly Kelly, Al Berry, Shonda Johnson-Pooser

**Absent were:** Dr. Rhett Dean, Mark Faulk, Scott Carlin, Michael Criss, Brian Deichman, E. Michael Jackson, Dr. James Ray, Bill Wiseman, Ken Coffey, Raymond Perkins, Darrell Watts

**OPENING**

Joey Goforth opened the SC Public School Facilities Division 1-2 Subcommittee meeting by welcoming everyone. He permitted Mr. James to introduce Mr. Al Berry, consultant for The Educational Group, Inc.

**DISCUSSION/BUSINESS**

Mr. Berry offered his concerns regarding plat requirements for acquisition of school property. According to Mr. Berry, many counties have GIS systems that have all information needed to look at properties (TMS numbers, configuration of properties, etc.) considered for acquisition. He feels that districts expend lots of money before they are even approved to obtain a site. Mr. Berry feels a plat is not needed because it is expensive to the districts, they are not always received in a timely manner, and a plat does not constitute transfer of ownership. The committee felt the plat was needed to determine whether the property would accommodate a school. Mr. Berry contends there should be some minimum information presented to OSF that includes topographic information, acreage to be acquired, TMS information with minimum distances, depth, road frontage, and GIS information. Mr. James made a Motion to allow Mr. Berry and Mr. Criss research and submit wording for the Guide to recommend what should be in a preliminary package of information to determine approval of school property acquisition. Mr. Gailey Seconded the Motion. There was unanimous consent among committee members present.

Mr. Goforth wanted to note his concern over the lack of participation in this meeting. He stated the reason this meeting was called was because there were a number of members absent from the last meeting that needed to be included in the discussion of issues. Currently, there are even less members present.

Mr. James then began the discussion about design build. Currently, the type of work that can be done using design build are non-educational spaces. Mr. Goforth feels the documents provided by AIA still does not show how design build can be beneficial for school districts and he still does not support the use of this type of construction. He feels there is no mandate for an independent consultant and there is no definite description of

the type of service the consultant would provide to safeguard the owner's interest. Mr. Lindsay, proxy for Bill Wiseman, stated they also have a number of concerns regarding this design build because there is a potential for abuse because most issues arise toward the end of the project, there are not enough safeguards in place. After a brief discussion, Mr. James made the Motion to inform the full SC Public School Facilities Committee that there was not recommendation to change the existing regulation on design build in Guide. Mr. Lindsay Seconded the Motion, which passed by unanimous consent.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The subcommittee adjourned at 11:00 a.m.